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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SADAT

REF: CAIRO 2012

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH SADAT YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING POINTS ON MY BEHALF.
2. AS WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD SADAT IN EARLIER MESSAGE CONCERNING THE RABIN VISIT, WE HAD SERIOUS TALKS WITH HIM CONCERNING THE NEED FOR EARLY MOVEMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS. RABIN IS NOW CONSIDERING THE POINTS WE MADE TO HIM WHICH COVERED THE WHOLE RANGE OF NEGOTIATING OPTIONS, AND IS
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DISCUSSING THEM WITH HIS CABINET. WE SHOULD HAVE A REPORT

SOON FROM AMBASSADOR TOON ON HOW THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE PROCEEDING CONCERNING ANY ISRAELI IDEAS THAT WOULD INJECT A NEW ELEMENT INTO THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION. THUS WE ARE NOW IN A STAGE OF WAITING TO HEAR THE ISRAELI REACTIONS TO OUR INSISTENCE DURING RABIN'S VISIT THAT THERE MUST BE SOME EARLY MOVEMENT. THE PROCESS OF INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS IN ISRAEL MAY TAKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO RUN ITS COURSE.

3. AS SADAT AND FAHMY WILL HAVE NOTICED, PRESS SPECULATION OVER WHAT MAY HAPPEN NEXT HAS ALREADY BEGUN IN ISRAEL. THE PRESSURE OF EVENTS HAS PROVOKED FERMENT WITHIN ISRAEL; A DEBATE HAS BEGUN OVER WHAT ISRAEL NEEDS TO DO AND ABOUT THE LIKELY EFFECTS ON ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY ISRAELI CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FEELS UNDER SOME PRESSURE, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF MILITARY CREDITS FOR NEXT YEAR AND IN THE LIST OF ARMS TO BE PROVIDED TO ISRAEL. ONE GOAL IS TO INDUCE ISRAEL TO MAKE A PROPOSAL INVOLVING ALL FRONTIERS.

4. IN REFERRING TO THESE LAST POINTS YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO SADAT THAT THESE ELEMENTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ARE STRICTLY FOR HIS AND FAHMY'S INFORMATION. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A NEGOTIATING PURPOSE IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL IS MOST DELICATE, AND IT WOULD CLEARLY WORK AGAINST OUR PURPOSES IF THIS WERE SURFACED IN SOME AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC WAY.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING OF OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS, WE INTEND TO BRING YOU BACK AFTER SADAT HAS VISITED SAUDI ARABIA AND AFTER ROBINSON'S VISIT. YOU WOULD THUS CONVEY SADAT'S LATEST VIEWS TO ME ABOUT MARCH 1 AND THEN RETURN WITH OUR THINKING BEFORE SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT ON MARCH 5. AFTER WE HAVE SADAT'S VIEWS AS A RESULT OF YOUR CONSULTATION, WE WILL THEN BRING MURPHY AND PICKERING BACK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROACH WE WILL HAVE WORKED OUT WITH SADAT, WHICH THEY CAN CONVEY TO ASAD AND KING HUSSEIN. THEN KING HUSSEIN WILL HAVE HIS VISIT HERE MARCH 29-31. THUS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT BY EARLY APRIL WE WILL HAVE A PRETTY CLEAR IDEA OF HOW TO PROCEED.

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6. IF DESPITE OUR HOPES WE RECEIVE NO MEANINGFUL CONCRETE IDEAS FROM ISRAEL WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT INITIATIVE WE MIGHT TAKE ON OUR OWN TO GET THE PROCESS MOVING ONE WAY OR OTHER.

7. IN THE COURSE OF YOUR DISCUSSION YOU SHOULD OF COURSE EMPHASIZE THAT SADAT IS NOT BEING KEPT IN THE DARK ABOUT

THE RABIN VISIT AND THAT THE SITUATION IS AS DESCRIBED
ABOVE. THIS SHOULD ALSO CLARIFY TO FAHMY THE MEANING OF
MY PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS.

8. PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST REGARDS TO FAHMY AND SADAT AND
TELL THEM I SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST DEVELOP-
MENTS CLOSELY AND BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY COMMUNICATIONS THEY
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